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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

THE WAIT IS OVER ! IT'S TIME TO SET OUR SIGHTS ON FOOTHILL COLLEGE AND THE 1991 HAM FLEA MARKET SEASON. LET'S JUST HOPE THAT THE PERHAM FOUNDATION AND THE FRIENDS OF THE ELECTRONICS MUSEUM AND FLEA MARKETS CAN MAKE THIS CURRENT SEASON A CONTINUATION INTO THE FAR FUTURE. LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE AND TO SNAGGING A FEW BARGAINS. TIL NEXT MONTH, 73 DE YOUR EDITOR.

## SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

# ED JOHNSON

# WB6CFW

VICE PRESIDENT OF PENINSULA ENGINEERING GROUP, INC., SAN CARLOS, ON "ON-FREQUENCY REPEATERS, FROM UHF TO MICROWAVE".....

DINNER WITH THE SPEAKER ! SU HONG'S, EL CAMINO OFF RAVENSWOOD, MENLO PARK, AT 5:45 P.M. ON MEETING FRIDAY MARCH 1ST !  
(TALK-IN 145.23-)

-DE ANDY VE3FZK, PAARA PROGRAM CHAIRMAN-

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

## DE GERRY WAGLNU

HOW MANY OF YOU CAN REMEMBER THE GOOD OLD DAYS WHEN WE PROVIDED HAM RADIO SUPPORT DURING FLOOD CONDITIONS OR EVEN BACK TO THE REAL OLD DAYS WHEN STANFORD FRESHMEN CANCELLED THEIR CHRISTMAS VACATION HOME TO FILL SANDBAGS THAT WERE LINING THE EDGE OF SAN FRANCISQUITO CREEK? DO YOU SUPPOSE THE WEATHER WILL TURN? AT LEAST OUR HOBBY ISN'T THREATENED LIKE THAT OF THE WATERCOLOR ARTIST. SPEAKING OF THREATENED Hobbies, CAN WE GET A FEW LETTERS TO THE EDITOR COMMENTING ON THE NEW NO CODE PRIVILEGES? DO YOU THINK THEY ARE A GOOD IDEA, AND HOW WILL THEY AFFECT OUR RANKS IN 20 YEARS? IS IT POSSIBLE THAT HAMS OF THE FUTURE WILL ABANDON THE HF BANDS FOR LACK OF PROPER LICENSING? DO WE ALREADY SEE THIS TREND?

I'M SURE EVERYONE IS CHOMPING AT THE BIT FOR THE MARCH 9 FLEA MARKET, AND YOURS TRULY IS NO EXCEPTION. HOW LUCKY WE ARE TO HAVE IT SO CLOSE. CAN YOU IMAGINE THE DEDICATION OF THOSE WHO COME FROM FRESNO OR AMAZINGLY ENOUGH SAN DIEGO? GET UP THERE AND SELL SOME OF THAT OLD JUNK THAT'S FILING UP!

THE PIZZA PARTY WE HAD AFTER THE LAST MEETING TO ENCOURAGE EYEBALL QSO'S WITH NEW MEMBERS WAS QUITE SUCCESSFUL AND WE'LL DO IT AGAIN SOON. THERE SEEMS TO BE A LOT OF NEW FACES AT THE MEETINGS RECENTLY SO MY CONGRATULATIONS TO WHOEVER IS SPREADING THE WORD. AT THE LAST BOARD MEETING I APPEALED FOR SPEAKER HELP SO GET IN TOUCH WITH MYSELF OR ANDY VE3FZK, ESPECIALLY IF YOU HAVE HEARD GOOD TALKS TO OTHER CLUBS. WE NEED A LOT MORE INPUT IN THIS AREA TO TAKE SOME OF THE LOAD OFF ANDY. THE FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING WENT VERY WELL IN OUR NEW QUARTERS PROVIDED BY THE MENLO-ATHERTON FIRE DISTRICT. OUR NEW SECRETARY JOHN WB7TEM WAS IN ATTENDANCE, AS WELL AS OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBER KEN WB6CNI. KAGLZI'S LATEST MEMBERSHIP LIST SHOWS 145 DUES PAYING MEMBERS DURING '90 AND '91. I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING OUR CLUB CAN REALLY BE PROUD OF. SEE YOU AT THE 1 MARCH MEETING.

-DE WAGLNU

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE CLUB, I'D LIKE  
TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS.

---- DE LILY N6PGM ----

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BILL SOOMAN - WB6UV0  
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# SCARES UPDATE DE LILY N6PGM

## SUBJECT: LETTER FROM CAP KJ6KV TO DICK K6ANN

Date: 05 Jan 91 21:29

Message-ID: <558ekA5JLT>

From: KJ6KVekA5JLT

To: K6ANNekA5JLT

Subject: SCARES PEOPLE

Hi Dick and Happy New Year.

Since I probably won't make it to any of the monthly meetings for an unknown period of time, I thought I might take this opportunity to make a few comments to the group, which you are free to read in my absence to all.

After many years of just contemplating the idea of getting my ham license, it was only about 3 years ago that I had the opportunity to really get serious about it and make the effort to make it happen. When my wife became seriously ill and spent almost 10 months in a hospital intensive care unit, it was the first time in more than 30 years that I found myself very much alone. Often, I would only be able to sleep a few hours at a time. With my new license, it was very helpful to spend some of the early morning hours getting lost in the world of hobbies. I have since made many contacts and made many friends.

a lifelong learning experience.

One weekend afternoon I had the privilege of meeting K6MFN on the air. His friendly demeanor and invitation led me to meet with and join FAARA. From this experience, I discovered such wonderful people as N6F6M and others who eventually led me to SCARES, where I discovered an opportunity to give back something to the world of amateur radio. It has been a wonderful experience to meet and work with such a fine group of people. SCARES is more than just a group of dedicated hams who provide a fantastic service to their communities. It is a group of warm and supportive people who will go out of their way to help anyone in need. I cannot tell you how much it has meant to me to be part of such a fine group without making this message a novel.

In as short a message as I can give you, however, let me say that I am proud to have been a part of SCARES and to have been able to know so many of you. If amateur radio is to survive, it will only happen because of the dedication of groups such as SCARES. And, if the human race is to survive, it will only happen because of the warmth of people such as yourselves who give to others with, only the personal satisfaction of giving as a reward.

Events of 1990 have been both happy and sad. I am leaving for a new job opportunity in southern California, in the hopes of beginning a new life for myself and my children. Intellectually, I know it is the right thing to do, but emotionally I am leaving a lot of happy memories behind, and that is very difficult. But, I could not leave without saying to all of you that I thank you for allowing me to be a part of the SCARES organization. Keep up the super work that you are doing. I will miss all of you, but hope to some day visit once again. My special thanks to KBANN, AA6WT, WD6DGT, and N6XMO for all the support you have given me during some difficult times, and to K6MFN and N6F6M for both support and for leading me to such a bunch of such special folks. God bless and 73 de K6JKY.

QST FROM YOUR  
FRIENDLY TREASURER  
LILY N6PGM

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THE CURRENT PAARA ROSTER,  
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EITHER AT THE P.O. BOX OR  
GIVEN TO ME PERSONALLY  
NO LATER THAN MARCH 15.  
THANKS FOR YOUR  
COOPERATION. -DE LILY N6PGM

# PAARA VE TEAM QST DE JT WA6BXT

## VE EXAM WARM UP WORKSHOP

Some PAARA members will be offering a pre-test workshop to prepare test takers for the VE test experience. If you know anyone who is planning to take their first ham test or if you are planning to upgrade, this class will help. Practice code and written tests will be given. These will be practice tests only and NOT the actual tests that will be given at the VE session.

The workshop is for the purpose of acquainting applicants with procedure and format in a simulated test environment, and will not be concerned with actual exam contents. 610 forms will be available for those who wish to complete them prior to the test session.

The workshop will be held on Wed., March 13, at 7:30 pm at the Menlo Park fire station at 300 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park. There is no charge for the class.

The PAARA sponsored VE team administered 74 elements, novice through extra, to 37 people during their February session at Ampex. Thanks to the following PAARA members who were Volunteer Examiners at that session; Dudley, WB6WAU (team leader); Dusty, K6MPN; Ron, W6VG; Gil, KJ6TF; Mike, AA6NH; Bill, WB6UVO; Rob, KA6JLT; Joan, WA6EXT; and James, KK6SM.

The VE team would like to congratulate all of the successful candidates who passed exams at this session, and particularly Yuzo, JR1WYB, who passed the written elements for the novice, tech., general, advanced and extra, as well as the 20 words per minute code test, all at this one session. Good work, Yuzo!

The next test session will be on March 16 at 11 a.m. at the Ampex cafeteria in Redwood City. If you have an advanced or extra class license and would like to join the team, you would be most welcome. Contact Dudley, WB6WAU, with a packet message at the KA6JLT FBS or phone him at (408) 245-4801.

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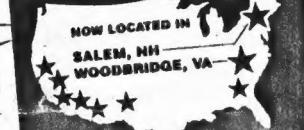
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